

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the applition of:

Jurgen Schulz-Harder

Group Art Unit:

Serial No : **Not yet awarded**

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For : **CERAMIC/METAL SUBSTRATE,
ESPECIALLY COMPOSITE SUBSTRATE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete the current Specification and replace same with the "Substitute Specification" attached hereto.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-26 in the original application, and kindly replace same with the following claims:

--27. A ceramic/metal substrate, comprising a ceramic layer having at least two substrate areas connected to each other as one piece and having at least one metal surface on at least one surface side of the ceramic layer and joining each other on at least one predetermined break line provided for in the ceramic layer, [wherein the at least one metal surface of each substrate areas has at least one edge reduction) on one edge adjacent to the predetermined break line and running along this predetermined break line and that the edge reduction is of a form that the mass of metal there per volume unit (specific metal mass) is reduced 10 to 80 %, with reference to the specific metal mass of a metal surface outside of the edge reduction.

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